

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in response to an application filed on March 3, 2005. There are ten claims pending and ten claims under consideration. This is the first action on the merits. Claims 1-17, 25, 27-39, and 42 have been cancelled. The application concerns compounds useful as opioid antagonists, method of treatment, methods of using, and pharmaceutical compositions thereof.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Demeter on January 3, 2008.

3. The following amendments are authorized:
- a) Removal of the words, " , or solvate" from claims 18, 19, and 21-24.
 - b) Insertion of a comma after the structure listed in claim 24.

Conclusion

4. Claims 18-24, 26, 40 and 41 are allowed.

Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

5. Claims 18-24, 26, 40 and 41 are novel against the prior art. The current application differs from any potential prior art in that it defines its compounds specifically

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using structures and pharmaceutical salts. These compounds are not found within the prior art nor are their obvious derivatives seen in the prior art. Therefore, the prior art does not read on the current application.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey H. Murray whose telephone number is 571-272-9023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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